

House Resolution 507

By: Representatives McKillip of the 115th, Benfield of the 85th, Drenner of the 86th, Kaiser of the 59th, Levitas of the 82nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending R.E.M. on their induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and into the
2 Georgia Music Hall of Fame; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, R.E.M. emerged on the music scene in Athens in 1980 as a unique rock band
4 imprinting their work with a fresh, new style which defined the genre of Alternative Rock;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, since 1980 the band has continued to entertain audiences with their individual
7 brand of music, releasing 13 studio records; and

8 WHEREAS, R.E.M. has had several Number One albums and has sold over 70 million
9 records, making the band one of the most critically and commercially successful groups of
10 all time; and

11 WHEREAS, in recognition of their tremendous success and popularity, as well as their many
12 contributions, they have received three Grammy awards, six *Rolling Stone* covers, numerous
13 MTV Video Music Awards, and a host of humanitarian awards; and

14 WHEREAS, the band's commitment to others is reflected in their generous financial support
15 of such Georgia projects as the Boys and Girls Club, local school music programs, and other
16 grass roots community organizations; their worldwide philanthropic contributions have
17 included Amnesty International, Greenpeace, Vote for Change, and Doctors Without
18 Borders; and

19 WHEREAS, R.E.M. is rightfully deserving of induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
20 and into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame for the band's many successes, and it is both fitting
21 and proper that we recognize this band's contribution to Georgia's musical history.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 this body commends R.E.M. for their induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and into
3 the Georgia Music Hall of Fame and looks forward to seeing the band's artistic work
4 recognized and recorded into Georgia's musical history and legacy.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
6 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the members of R.E.M.